

Weekly Column for November 17, 2005

Sorry about missing the column last week, I'll be sure it does not happen again, at least anytime soon.

We have two very exciting things to talk about this week, the first of which is a longtime Troy tradition I'm sure you all know about. One week from today is the 42nd Annual running of the Troy Turkey Trot.

As you know, this is a fun filled day for the entire family, beginning with the Turkey Walk at 8 a.m. and culminating with the 10K Turkey Trot Open at 10:15 a.m. The official schedule is as follows:

Turkey Walk: 8 a.m.

Grade School Mile: 8:30 a.m.

Mascot Race: 9 a.m.

Open 5K: 9:15 a.m.

Open 10K: 10:15 a.m.

We had a great press conference today to announce the Trot, including a mock race between Hannaford Hank and Trotter the Troy Turkey. Try saying that five times fast.

Anyway, coming into downtown Troy on Thanksgiving is a tradition for so many people, and this year's event promises to be one of the best. There is still plenty of time to register. Either you can register by tomorrow by going to www.troyny.gov/turkeytrot, or you can come into City Hall or the Knickerbacker Ice Rink and register.

Whatever level you want to participate in, we can't wait to see you there.

Make sure to bring a camera if you do come, you could win \$100! How? Well, we recently announced that the 3rd Annual Troy Photo Contest is underway. The deadline for photos is November 28th and the theme this year is "Seasons of Troy." Entries may be submitted for any subject, person, place or thing in Troy. Entries may not be previously published.

There will be two divisions in the contest, the first being a general division. The prizes for the general division will be \$100 for first place, \$60 for second place, and \$40 for third place. The student division prizes, encompassing anyone between Kindergarten and 12th grade, will be \$50 for first place, \$30 for second, and \$20 for third. Prize sponsors of the contest are Troy Architectural Program and Atrium Services, LLC.

The winners will be unveiled the day of the Victorian Stroll, December 4, so get your pictures in fast. Any questions on the photo contest can be answered by Andrea Poley at 270-4557.

Have a great weekend everyone.

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